

## San Marino, Huntington Library, EL 07 H 08

*Description:* ff. i + i + 296 + i - Bound, ca. 1840, in red morocco with the Bridgewater crest stamped in gold on both covers; gilt edges. - A note in English on f. 294v, counting the blank leaves at the end of the volume, is dated 22 September 1591 and signed R. Combe and E. Combe. "R. Combe" may be the Richard Combes (nephew of Thomas Waterhouse, rector of Ashridge at the time of the Dissolution), to whom Queen Elizabeth (then princess) granted the land and buildings of Ashridge in 1557; the property was purchased by Sir Thomas Egerton in 1604. On f. 1, the inscription "ex dono Richardi Combe Armigeri" in the hand of John Egerton (1622-86), 2nd Earl of Bridgewater, as well as the Bridgewater pressmark "L:CC:B:2/15" on the same folio. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., *Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library* (San Marino, 1989). De Ricci, 129. *Aspects of Medieval England*, n. 19, open at f. 32. E. Searle, "The Calendar, Martyrology and Customal of the Boni Homines at Ashridge," *Mediaeval Studies* 23 (1961) 260-93, which refers principally to EL 9 H 15, but gives a brief history of Ashridge.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 14th

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### Part 1: ff. 1-296v

*Description:* - Parchment - 260 x 400 mm -  $1^{12} 2^{10}(-8) 3-4^{14} 5^{12}$  (this irregularity noted, f. 61v, "xii folia et vi folia in uno [quaterno]") 6-9<sup>14</sup> 10-15<sup>12</sup> 16-22<sup>14</sup> and 9 leaves bound too tightly to collate. Catchwords in lower right corner, usually in a frame. 2 columns of 36 lines with frame rules in brown ink, and line rules in lead, often doubled to delineate the space for the minims. Double rules to the left of each column form space for initials; narrow strips ruled in the outer and lower margins. Pricking visible in the 3 outer margins. Quires marked in the upper recto of the first leaf: "correctum per totum quaternum."

*Country:* England

*Region:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XIV<sup>3/4</sup>

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Document:* No

*Scribe(s):* Simon de Wederore

*Script:* Textura semi-quadrata

*Figurative Decoration:* At the opening of the prologue, f. 32, a 10-line miniature, the width of one column, showing the author as a monk in black praying before the Virgin and Child.

*Other Decoration:* 2-line initials, blue, with red flourishing, with infilling often of grotesque or human faces, which occasionally pertain to the subject (e.g. on f. 103, "ermofrodites," 2 faces, 1 male and 1 female; on f. 202, "planctus," a man crying; on f. 228, "rex," a king); animal head regularly just outside letter. The lower margin in the index, ff. 22-31, decorated with purple "saws"; the same design alternately purple or red as line fillers in the index.

*Notes:* A note in red in the upper margin of f. 18, s. XVmed-ex, partially cropped: Bartholomeus de casibus decretorum multo plenior et apertior est ut patet intuenti, habetur in librario. Latin

*Number of Texts:* 4

### Text 1: ff. 1-18

*Author:* Johannes Hispanus

*Title:* Flos decretorum

*Title:* Incipit flos decretorum.

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Humanum genus duobus modis regitur. Tractaturus magister Gracianus de iure canonico incipiens a capite

*Explicit:* quia nolebat ad novum proferre de hac materia in qua non solum verborum sed etiam novitas sententiarum est prophana. Explicit summa numcupata flos decretorum.

*Notes:* Schulte, 2:107-08.

### Text 2: f. 18v; ff. 19-21v blank

*Title:* Scribal colophon

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Ad honorem dei et gloriose virginis Marie et beati Petri apostolorum principis et omnium sanctorum Simon de Wederore de Trengre frater domus de Assherugge ordinis sancti Augustini Lincolniensis diocesis hunc librum scripsit. . tertio kalendas Iulii littera dominicali .a. Anno domini Millesimo CCCmo lxxviiiimo

*Explicit:* atque in extremo examine districte subiaceat ulcioni. Fiat fiat. Amen.

*Notes:* A note below the colophon in the hand of the scribe, perhaps referring to Ps. 126, 1: nisi et cetera. H. C. Schulz, "The Monastic Library and Scriptorium at Ashridge," *HLQ* 1 (1938) 305-11, with the colophon printed in full.

### Text 3: ff. 22-23

*Author:* Gregory IX

*Title:* Incipiunt tituli libri primi decretalium a domino Gregorio papa IX<sup>no</sup> compilatarum Decretals, chapter list of Book I

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* De summa trinitate et fide catholica 1, De constitutionibus 2

*Explicit:* De verborum significacionibus 40, De regulis iuris 41. Expliciunt rubrice sive tituli decretalium.

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**Text 4:** ff. 32-277v; ff. 278v-296v blank

*Author:* Martin of Troppau

*Title:* Margarita Decreti

*Title:* Incipit tabula martiniana decreti et decretalium secundum ordinem alphabeti compilata

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Aaron. Quod aaron sacerdocium approbatur dis. xxii. Sacro sancta. Item suo sacerdotio

*Explicit:* Quod sinenda sunt utraque crescere usque ad messem iudicii extremi et tunc angeli colligent zizaniam in fasciculos ad comburendum xxiii questio 1 paragrapho 1 ante fi. Quod zizaniam inimicus homo superseminare dicitur quando diabolus inter cardinales discordiam facit. Extravagantes 1 titulus vi de electione Licet. Amen Amen. Explicit alphabetum decreti et decretalium quod martiniana numcupatur. Deo gracias.

*Notes:* On ff. 23v-31v, alphabetical chapter list; on ff. 227v-278, the same colophon as in Text 2. Schulte, 2:137-38. Kaeppli, SOPMA 2973.